

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. *(currently amended)* A method of changing the input states of an electronic device, having an input portion, the device capable of carrying out user operations, and the device having input states including a locked state, wherein the use of the input portion is significantly restricted, and an unlocked state, wherein the use of the input portion is not restricted comprising:  
entering the locked state by a locking input,  
entering the unlocked state by an unlocking input,
  - entering an intermediate unlocked state of said electronic device, in which a limited operational use of said input portion is possible, from the locked state, based on an intermediate unlocking user input which is different from the unlocking input required for entering the unlocked state;
  - detecting the termination of a user operation in said intermediate unlocked state, the user operation being other than said locking input and ~~being one of the group: completing the user operation~~including the completion of at least one task by a ~~predetermined~~ number of input operations greater than one, ~~cancelling the user operation, and detecting an unexpected user input~~; and
  - entering said locked state, in response to said detection.
2. *(canceled)*
3. *(canceled)*
4. *(canceled)*
5. *(canceled)*
6. *(previously presented)* A computer program product comprising program code stored on a computer readable medium for carrying out the method of claim 1 when said program code is run on an electronic device.

7. *(currently amended)* A mobile electronic device comprising:
- an input portion;
  - different user input states, the input states including a locked state, where the use of the input portion is significantly restricted, said locked state being enterable by a locking input, and an unlocked state, where the use of the input portion is not restricted, said unlocked state being enterable by an unlocking input,
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  - an intermediate unlocked state in which a limited operational use of said input portion is possible,
  - wherein the electronic device is
  - adapted to enter the intermediate unlocked state based on an intermediate unlocking user input which is different from the unlocking input required for entering the unlocked state;
  - adapted to detect the termination of a user operation in said intermediate unlocked state, the user operation being other than said locking input and being one of the group: completing the user operation including the completion of at least one task by a predetermined number of input operations greater than one, cancelling the user operation, and detecting an unexpected user input; and
  - adapted to enter said locked state in response to said detection.
8. *(previously presented)* The mobile electronic device according to claim 7, further comprising a memory to store locking, unlocking and intermediate unlocking inputs.
9. *(previously presented)* The mobile electronic device according to claim 8, further comprising a timer.
10. *(canceled)*
11. *(canceled)*
12. *(canceled)*

13. *(canceled)*

14. *(canceled)*

15. *(canceled)*

16. *(previously presented)* The mobile electronic device according to claim 7, further comprising a timer.

17. *(currently amended)* A mobile electronic device comprising:

- means for user input;
- means for providing different user input states, the input states including a locked state, where the use of the means for user input is significantly restricted, said locked state being enterable by a locking input, and an unlocked state, where the use of the means for user input is not restricted, said unlocked state being enterable by an unlocking input, and an intermediate unlocked state in which a limited operational use of said means for user input is possible,
- means for entering the intermediate unlocked state based on an intermediate unlocking user input which is different from the unlocking input required for entering the unlocked state;
- means for detecting the termination of a user operation in said intermediate unlocked state, the user operation being other than said locking input and being ~~one of the group: completing the user operation~~ including the completion of at least one task by a ~~predetermined~~ number of input operations greater than one, ~~cancelling the user operation, and detecting an unexpected user input;~~ and
- means for entering said locked state in response to said detection.